

Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Committee (Board)
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020

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Board Members Present

Jessa Barnard (phone)
Kelly Dougherty
Lisa Draper
Devon Green
Mike Fisher
Dale Hackett (phone)
Sharon Henault (phone)
Julie Tessler
Gladys Konstantin
Helen Labun
Joan Lavoie
Erin Maguire
Kirstin Murphy
Kay Van Woert

DVHA Staff Present

Cory Gustafson
Addie Strumolo
Jenney Samuelson
Nissa James
Zack Goss
Alicia Cooper
Erin Flynn

Other Interested Parties

Susan Gretkowski (phone)
Spencer Whipple
Betty Morse (phone)
Jamie Rainville
Sarah Teel

Documents

- Advisory Committee 2_24_20 Agenda.pdf
- Advisory Committee PPT 2_24_2020.pdf
- Advisory Committee 1_27_20 Minutes

*All are posted to the [Vermont Health Connect website](#)

Chairperson Introduction

Zachary Goss, Healthcare Training and Communication Manager (DVHA)

Introduction of Devon Green and Erin Maguire, new Committee chairs for 2020.

Convene

- Devon Green and Erin Maguire chaired the meeting
- Roll Call
- May meeting falls on Memorial Day holiday. May meeting moved to May 11.

Statutory Review, Structures and Protocols

Devon Green, Co-Chair

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Erin Maguire, Co-Chair

- Implementing a new facilitation structure for the Committee that emphasizes focusing on analyzing the impact of topics on stakeholders
- Introduction of draft meeting protocol

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Vermont Medicaid Next Generation—St. Johnsbury Attribution Study

Erin Flynn, Healthcare Project Director (DVHA)

The St. Johnsbury Attribution Study pilots an “alternative attribution methodology in the St. Johnsbury region that attributes members to the ACO based on residence rather than their primary care relationship.”

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/VMNG-Report-to-Legislature-December-15-2018-FINAL.pdf>

Please see: *Advisory Committee 2_24_20 Agenda.pdf (slides 20-24)*

Goals of program:

- Payment that allows flexibility
- Access to common tools that support care coordination and population health
- Increasing scale in the VMNG
- Enhanced outreach and screening
- Better outcomes for members, providers and the programs

Alicia Cooper, Director of Payment Reform, Reimbursement and Rate Setting (DVHA)

- Expanded attribution model seeks to improve initial and maintained connections between consumers and primary care providers

Perceptions of impact

- How does this impact consumers who have a provider that does not want to participate in the ACO?

Common themes

Desire or potential need for:

- Formalized structure to understand what people [customers] need
- Information collected as money is invested
- Collaboration at the community level—Local control vs. Statewide approaches/Blueprint
- Statewide resources to support governance structures

Positives:

- Changes in current practice, e.g. the process of scheduling the first visit at primary care to improve access/remove barriers rather than requiring that medical records be sent before the first visit may be scheduled.
- Providers better prepared to care for members that were not previously connected with primary care or care teams because the role of VCCI is being expanded to outreach, conduct initial screening, and use the information to establish connection to the care team.
- Improvements to social determinants of health related to one percent investment
- Outreach efforts

Concerns:

- Underserved populations not being represented

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- Are structures designed to move this forward sufficient (is number of nurses enough?)

Members reviewed new process and considerations moving forward including:

- Topics that are actionable
- Expectations for presenters and presentations (clarify impacts, highlighting risks)
- Time management during meeting
- Prioritization of topics
- DVHA's use of discussion themes
- More time for clarifying questions

Commissioners Update

Additional review of ACO program initiatives

Approval of Minutes

January meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Meetings

March 23rd, 2020

April 27th, 2020

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Site: Waterbury State Office Complex, Waterbury, VT

Please visit the Advisory Committee website for up-to-date information:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/advisory_board/meeting_materials